

**AIR QUALITY RESOLUTION FOR  
YORK AREA METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION (YAMPO)**

*Conformity of the GOYORK 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the 2021-2024  
Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in Accordance with the current federal Clean Air Act as  
amended (CAAA)*

WHEREAS the Congress of the United States enacted the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 which was signed into law and became effective on November 15, 1990, hereafter referred to as “the CAAA”; and,

WHEREAS the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), under the authority of the CAAA, has defined the geographic boundaries for areas that have been found to be in nonattainment with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone, carbon monoxide and particulate matter; and,

WHEREAS effective July 15, 2004, the York County area was designated by EPA as a nonattainment area under the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS; and,

WHEREAS, on July 25, 2007, the York County area has been re-designated under the 1997 8-hour ozone standard as an attainment (maintenance) area by EPA with motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) established in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision maintenance plan; and,

WHEREAS, on April 6, 2015, EPA revoked the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS for all purposes and established anti-backsliding requirements for areas that remain designated nonattainment for the revoked NAAQS; and,

WHEREAS, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Eighth Circuit issued a decision in *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. EPA* on February 16, 2018, addressing air quality requirements for former 1997 ozone maintenance areas that are in attainment of all subsequent ozone NAAQS, for which York County satisfies the criteria; and,

WHEREAS effective April 5, 2005, the York County area was designated by EPA as a nonattainment area under the 1997 Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) annual standard (as retained under the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS); and,

WHEREAS effective December 14, 2009, the York County area was designated under the 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> 24-hour NAAQS as a nonattainment area by EPA; and,

WHEREAS, effective December 8, 2014, the York County area has been redesignated as an attainment (maintenance) area under both the 1997 and 2006 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS with an approved Maintenance State Implementation Plan that includes mobile vehicle emission budgets; and,

WHEREAS effective October 24, 2016, EPA finalized rulemaking to revoke the 1997 PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual NAAQS removing transportation conformity requirements for that standard; and,

WHEREAS the transportation plans and programs are required to conform to the purposes of the State Implementation Plan and Sections 174 and 176 (c) and (d) of the CAAA (42 U.S.C. 7504 7506 (c) and (d)); and,

WHEREAS the EPA issued the Final Rule on Transportation Conformity on November 24, 1993 for transportation plans and programs and projects; and,

WHEREAS the EPA amended the Final Conformity Rule various times between 1996 and present; and,

WHEREAS the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (YAMPO), the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for York County, Pennsylvania, is responsible for the development of transportation plans and programs in accordance with Section 134 of Title 23, which requires coordination and public participation with the State DOT; and,

WHEREAS the final conformity rule (and subsequent amendments) requires that the YAMPO determines that the transportation plans and programs conform with the CAAA requirements by meeting the final rule on transportation conformity; and,

WHEREAS the South Central Travel Model is used to determine that the transportation plans and programs conform with the CAAA requirements; and,

WHEREAS the land use assumptions used in the model are consistent with the York County Comprehensive Plan, approved by the York County Board of Commissioners.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the YAMPO has found that the GOYORK 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP) and the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) contribute to the achievement and maintenance of the NAAQS; and,

NOW, THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the YAMPO finds that the GOYORK 2045 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (TIP) and the FFY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) are consistent with the final conformity rule issued on November 24, 1993 and subsequent amendments.

I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the York Area Metropolitan Planning Organization at its meeting on June 24, 2021.

ATTEST:

*Felicia Dell*

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Felicia S. Dell, Secretary  
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Michael Pritchard, Chairman  
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